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MEMORANDUM FOR WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

SUBJECT: Proposed operational use of [ ] [ ]

1. The OPC German Mission has proposed the use of [ ] and his German publisher as a cutout mechanism for the transfer of a small amount of money to support the Russian-language newspaper Possev, which is put out by the emigre organization NTS.

2. An approved operation provides for OPC covertly to purchase 1,000 copies per week of this paper, thereby supporting it to the extent that it can continue publication. The newspapers, when purchased, would be put into controlled underground channels for distribution aimed at Soviet occupation troops in Germany.

3. The German Mission has proposed that the funds for this transaction, amounting to the D-Mark equivalent of no more than \$50 per week, be transferred to the publishers of Possev by [ ] publisher with the story that this money represents D-Mark royalties for the German edition of [ ] book, and that [ ], unable easily to convert the D-Marks, desired to give them to a good cause.

4. This proposed arrangement is logical inasmuch as [ ] is personally sympathetic with NTS, and the Possev people are personally enthusiastic about [ ] book. [ ] himself would like to do it, partly to aid a good cause and partly because he can get dollar equivalent from us for the D-Marks expended in Germany.

5. Thus far I have resisted this proposal on the grounds that we wanted to keep [ ] out of direct operational activity and have felt that [ ] past background might not be consonant with his support of the NTS. [ ] himself assures me that the latter is not valid in his view. Consequently, I now would like to authorize the operation provided there is no objection on the part of the OPC element responsible for [ ] secure continued employment by us.

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